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This is the thirty-eighth issue of the Faith and Community-Based Loop (FCB Loop). The FCB Loop is a listserv that sends out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to jon.gress@ServeAlabama.gov to be published in the FCB Loop.

Conferences

- **Alabama Pre-Kindergarten Conference**
The purposes of the second Alabama Pre-Kindergarten Conference, *Building Blocks for a Better Tomorrow* conference are to celebrate the successes of Pre-K in our state and provide high quality training and networking opportunities for Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers, administrators, staff, and parents. The conference will be held March 15-16, at AUM in Montgomery, Alabama. Sessions begin at 9:00am both days. Registration is \$75. More information is available at:
www.ServeAlabama.gov/Loop/ConferencePreregistrationProgram-Final.pdf

Trainings, Seminars & Workshops

- Grassroots Leadership Development Forum**

On February 20, 2007 grassroots nonprofit and ministry leaders will have an incredible new opportunity to increase their impact with clients, communities, and causes. The Grassroots Leadership Development Forum (Forum), a groundbreaking program focusing on the needs of grassroots leaders, is being launched by X Factor Consulting, LLC to train and equip grassroots leaders. The Forum is a seven-month distance learning program involving nationally and internationally renowned leadership experts, authors, peer-to-peer discussions, leadership assessments and feedback. Tuition is \$599 if paid in one installment and \$744 if paid in six monthly installments
www.thejourneytoexcellence.com
- Emergency Responders and the Hard of Hearing Community**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is sponsoring a course designed to train emergency responders to assist the hard of hearing community. This course will provide participants with an understanding of the tools and knowledge needed to prepare a community response, as well as respond to and recover from emergencies ranging from weather-related emergencies to a terrorist attack, for deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and deaf-blind individuals. The course is open to both first responders and the hard of hearing. The course will be offered Friday, March 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind's Mobile Regional Center, located at 1050 Government Street in Mobile. Registration form:
<http://www.servealabama.gov/loop/cepinregistrationform.pdf>
 More information:
<http://www.servealabama.gov/loop/cepincourseinformation.pdf>
- MentorYouth.com Mentor Youth Training**

Mobilizing New Mentors... Through Faith- and Community-Based Collaborations is a training hosted by MentorYouth.com, a division of National Network of Youth Ministries and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice and The Corporation for National and Community Service. MentorYouth.com exists to enlist, encourage, equip and empower adults in the church and community to become mentors to youth. The training will be April 11-13 in Nashville at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown Nashville. The registration fee is \$195 and, registration ends March 30, 2007.
<http://www.mentoryouth.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/trainingnash.home>
- The Alabama Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Information Seminar**

Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Thursday, May 10, 2007; from 10:00 a.m. until noon on the first floor of the RSA Union Building. Suite 192

For more information view

<http://servealabama.gov/PDFs/InvitationtoSeminar.pdf>

General Information

- **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has prepared a toolkit to help community and organizational leaders increase awareness about the joy of foster care adoption. The kit contains sample resources that can be used to promote awareness throughout the year. The kit along with other adoption information can be ordered for free by visiting

<http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.com/materials.asp>

or by calling 1-800-275-3882.

- **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Helping senior citizens enroll in Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan is one of the largest projects the Alabama Department of Senior Services and the Area Agencies on Aging have undertaken. Last year, the faith-based and community initiatives network assisted the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors and volunteers at the local Area Agencies on Aging in the Medicare Part D enrollment effort. ADSS is asking for your assistance again this year to ensure our state's elderly population receives proper counseling and advice. Your help is needed to guide new seniors through enrollment and assist those already on Medicare Part D in evaluating their coverage for the coming year. Your organization can help to ensure that seniors receive the counseling they need to make an informed choice.

For more information on how to volunteer or to host an event for Medicare beneficiaries and their families, email ageline@adss.alabama.gov or call 1-800-AGE-LINE.

- **Data Mapping**

Program coordinators and grant writers who want to convey their communities' needs with solid facts and visual impact can use a new online, interactive resource called DataPlace. Developed and maintained by the Fannie Mae Foundation, DataPlace is a source of demographic, economic, and housing data about communities, regions, and the nation. The DataPlace mapping tool produces colorful, thematic maps. DataPlace's chart and table builder creates bar and line charts, accompanied by data tables.

<http://www.dataplace.org/>

- **"Evaluation Report: Engaging Persons With Disabilities in Service"**

Points of Light Foundation

http://pointsoflight.org/downloads/pdf/Engag_Persons_Disabilities.pdf

- **“Faith-Based and Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Checklist”**
 The new checklist identifies steps faith-based and community organizations can take to prepare for a pandemic and could be helpful in other types of emergencies.
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/faithcomchecklist.html>
- **Free Web Hosting for Community Groups**
 Think Host, Inc. is offering community groups free and/or discounted web hosting.
<http://www.thinkhost.com/socialchange/free-hosting.shtml>
- **Kids Count Data Book**
 A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S.
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>
- **“Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith and Community-Based Service Providers”**
 HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
 Guide for FBCOs seeking private-sector funding.
<http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbcipubs.aspx>
- **“A National Conversation—Friends and Family First”**
 The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 Medicare Enrollment Toolkit
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/nationalconversation.pdf>
- **Self Assessment & Learning Tool of the Accessible Congregation Campaign**
 The Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is an interfaith effort, urging national faith groups, local congregations and seminaries to identify and remove barriers of architecture, communications, and attitudes.
<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=9&>
- **One-Stop Career Centers**
 The Department of Labor has launched One-Stop Career Centers, an integrated system of local information on available jobs, skill requirements, and training provider performance. All the One-Stop services are free. To find one near you click on:
<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=&state=AL&proximity=25&search=Search>

- **Successful Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers Handbook**

This handbook is designed for community groups and faith-based organizations seeking to maximize the skills of their volunteers, expand their services to the community, and enhance their effectiveness. Although the handbook focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and mental illness, the principles described in the handbook can be applied to any field and should help organizations understand how to implement and manage a successful volunteer program.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/publications.html>

Grants and Funding Opportunities

***Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities are sorted into categories: Community Development & Housing, Emergency Preparedness & Response; Education & Arts; Health & Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth & Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

Community Development & Housing

- **Assets for Independence Demonstration Program**

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS) will accept applications for financial assistance to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) Projects. These projects assist low-income people in becoming economically self-sufficient. They do so by teaching project participants about economic and consumer issues and enabling them to establish matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA) in order to save for a first home, a business or higher education.

60 awards totaling \$18,000,000

Applications are due by March 15, 2007

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

- **National Forest Foundation Community Assistance Program**

The National Forest Foundation (NFF), chartered by Congress, engages America in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the 192-million-acre National Forest System, and administers private gifts of funds and land for the benefit of the National Forests. The NFF believes that communities should play a significant role in determining the future of our National Forests and Grasslands. The NFF established the Community Assistance Program (CAP) to promote the creation of locally-based forest partnerships which seek to build ecological, social and economic sustainability. The program will support newly-forming

nonprofit organizations in need of start-up capacity-building that intend to proactively and inclusively engage the local community in forest management and conservation issues on and around National Forests and Grasslands.

Grants range from \$5,000 to \$15,000

Applications are due by April 20, 2007

http://www.natlforests.org/consp_05_cap.html

- **Hometown Projects Supported**

Hamburger Helper's MYHOMETOWNHELPER.COM will provide support to initiatives that help hometowns across America. Examples of fundable projects include the purchase of playground equipment, community clean-ups, and training volunteer firefighters. All requests for funding must be sponsored by a municipal agency, civic organization, or public school. Applicants can request a one-time award for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$15,000

Applications will be accepted and awarded monthly through May 31, 2007

<http://www.myhometownhelper.com/LearnMore.aspx>

- **Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Grant**

All charitable and nonprofit groups are eligible for this grant.

Two awards of \$200,000 per region

Application deadline is June 29, 2007

http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell

- **HelpAmerica Foundation**

The HelpAmerica Foundation is honored to provide volunteer and financial aid to organizations which support the poor and underprivileged and needy and/or homeless Americans, including men, women, children and veterans of war. We are also proud to support the families of active military personnel called to duty.

Awards from \$2,500 to \$7,500

Applications are accepted year round

<http://www.helpamericafoundation.org/howtoapply/index.htm>

- **Allstate Foundation "Community Commitment"**

Proposals for program support must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding: Safe and Vital Communities; Economic Empowerment; and Tolerance, Inclusion and Diversity.

The Foundation has no deadlines for submission.

<http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=funding.html>

- **Hitachi Foundation: Business-Community Partnerships Supported**

The Hitachi Foundation's broad purpose is to enhance the well-being of economically and socially isolated people throughout the United States. The Foundation's Business & Communities Grants Program addresses economic isolation in America by investing in business-community partnerships that expand opportunities for people to retain and advance in their jobs, earn living wages, and accumulate savings and assets. Funded projects must demonstrate effective and innovative corporate citizenship practices and/or promote learning and adoption of good practices. Proposals may only be submitted at the Foundation's invitation. However, nonprofit organizations that meet the Foundation's eligibility requirements are welcome to share initial information through the online inquiry system at any time. Visit the website listed below for more information

<http://www.hitachifoundation.org/grants/index.html>

- **Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy's Kennel Pals Pet Program**
Support local domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and educational pet programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Priority is given to communities where Build-A-Bear Workshop has several stores. Grants are generally provided for specific programs; matching and challenge grant requests are also considered.
Grants will generally range from \$2,500 to \$50,000
Requests are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed quarterly
<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/bkp.aspx>
- **Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants**
Green Communities offers Charrette Grants for up to \$5,000 to assist housing developers with integrating green building systems in their developments and engage in a serious discussion of green design possibilities. Enterprise will award planning grants to affordable housing developers to coordinate green charrettes. A Green Communities Charrette is a working session that will bring together a diverse group of housing development professionals, as well as funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/Charrettes.asp>
- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**
Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.
Limit of \$5,000 per application
Rolling applications
<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>
- **Innovative National and International Programs Supported**

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. The goals of the Foundation are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans through three major program areas: Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity, and Freedom. Support is generally directed to activities that are likely to have wide effect rather than local programs with limited scope. Letters of inquiry are considered throughout the year

<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>

- **International Paper Company Foundation**

Grants will support programs in the areas of education, employee involvement, and community development. Education grants focus on career development for minorities, environmental education, and literacy. Employee-involvement grants support nonprofit organizations at which International Paper Company employees volunteer. Community development grants provide seed money for new projects that benefit communities where the company has operations.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis

http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/IP%20Foundation/B_Grant_Guidelines.html

- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.

15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million

Applications are submitted on a rolling basis

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>

- **State Farm: Strong Neighborhoods, Community Development Grant**

Supports nonprofit organizations' programs that: 1) Make housing affordable Promote first-time homeownership; 2) Eliminate barriers to homeownership; 3) Educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation, and homeownership 4) Foster sustainable communities; and 5) Rehabilitate neighborhoods or communities.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.statefarm.com/foundation/cogrants.htm>

- **Support for Environmental Programs**

The Waste Management Charitable Giving Program is committed to making company communities safer, cleaner, and better places to live and work. One of the primary focus areas of the Charitable Giving Program is the environment. The company is committed to helping provide renewable resources to reduce our nation's dependence on fossil fuels, and to

conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment. Support is also provided to environmental education programs, including environmental. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis <http://www.wm.com/WM/community/Giving.asp>

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- **2005 Hurricane Victim Assistance**

For Washington, Mobile, and Clarke Counties The funds are restricted to residents of those three counties and does include those who were displaced from other areas, but are now residing in those counties.

United Way of Southwest Alabama

The assistance is for delinquent mortgage or rental payments and also for rental deposits for those who can no longer reside in their homes or apartments. The United Way of Southwest Alabama has guidelines for eligibility and the clients must be seen by one of our housing counselors. If they are working with 2005 hurricane victims and need the assistance mentioned above, have the client contact us at 251-246-9898 in Clarke County or 251-602-0011 for Washington or Mobile Counties.

- **Hurricane Disaster Assistance**

The Rural Housing Service programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. This Notice is intended to announce the availability of supplemental hurricane disaster assistance to be administered through the Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan and Grant program. USDA Rural Development will provide CF Grant funds in the amount of \$20,000,000 and CF Direct loan funds in the amount of \$149,253,000 for essential community facilities in rural areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-13432.htm>

- **Phase II Hurricane Response & Recovery Grant**

Funding Assistance only for Mobile, Washington and Clarke Counties

United Way of Southwest Alabama

Mortgage/rental assistance of \$20,000 to homeless families who are Katrina victims who have children under 18 years of age. Organizations can refer families to the Homeless Coalition of the Gulf Coast but we are the only organization that will distribute these funds. Checks will be written to rental agencies, mortgage companies, etc. on behalf of the eligible families but NOT to families themselves. Those applying; have children under the age of 18; provide all required documentation; can only be used for mortgage and rental assistance. Anyone interested in applying or referring families can call the Homeless Coalition of the Gulf Coast at 441-1991 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm.

- Red Cross Hurricane Recovery Program**
 Access to Care provides a toll-free number for Hurricane Katrina, Rita, and Wilma survivors to determine eligibility to receive financial assistance for selected mental health and substance abuse treatment. This program is available regardless of where you live, your insurance coverage or your immigration status. You choose the type of treatment and the licensed provider. Coverage is retroactive to August 30, 2005 and will cover services received on or prior to April 1, 2008. Ms. Jennifer Cronin of Access to Care, or members of her staff, may contact you regarding bulk distribution of enrollment literature. Hurricane survivors may contact Access to Care directly at 1-866-794-HOPE or at www.a2care.org
- A Special Fund for Hurricane Katrina Disaster Assistance**
 The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is offering grants for service projects in any locale where there is a substantial need for assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Such projects may include direct medical aid to evacuees or non-medical assistance to both victims and those adversely affected by this disaster. Examples might include providing healthcare information to displaced persons in shelters, or counseling assistance to overstressed relief workers, or instituting social and educational programs for small children. Grants up to \$5,000
 Proposals will be considered on a rolling basis through 2006
<http://humanism-in-medicine.org/cgi-bin/htmllos.cgi/04202.1.5750774146319301812>

Education & Arts

- National Endowment for the Arts Grants**
 The Arts Endowment awards grants to non-profit organizations for arts projects that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. Grants are awarded also for local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as program models. Arts Endowment funding is available for projects in the following fields: Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Media Arts (Film, Radio, Television), Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting, Theater and Visual Arts. The Endowment also awards grants to local and State Arts Agencies and to Regional Arts Organizations. Grants from \$5,000 to \$100,000
 Deadlines vary by funding category (March 12, 2007 – August 13, 2007)
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/recent/>
- Alabama Office of School Readiness Grant Proposal**
 The Alabama Office of School Readiness (OSR) is sending out a request for proposals to public schools and licensed child care facilities interested in

receiving funds to provide full-day, high quality services to classrooms of 4-year-old children.

Grants up to \$80,000

Proposals are due by March 30, 2007

<http://www.children.alabama.gov/OSR/Files/Web%20RFP.pdf>

- **National Endowment for the Arts Big Read**

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services designed to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens. Created by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment.

Awards from \$5,000 to \$20,000

Application deadline is April 12, 2007

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=12710>

- **Teaching Tolerance Grant Program**

The Teaching Tolerance project of the Southern Poverty Law Center offers grants for implementing tolerance and youth activism projects. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be: small scale, resourceful and student-focused, promoting acceptance of diversity, peacemaking, community service, or any other aspect of tolerance education; clearly defined, well integrated, and tailored to the specific needs and interests of particular learners and their communities; economically responsible, involving staff participation, community volunteers, and in-kind contributions wherever possible; sustainable in some way, rather than one-time-only events or activities.

Award amount of \$500 to \$2,500

There is no application deadline

<http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Health & Human Services

- **Take Action: Healthy People, Places, and Practices in Communities Project**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the Regional Health Administrators are requesting proposals from small, community-based groups to evaluate a unique set of healthy lifestyles activities conducted in local settings in support of the President's HealthierUS initiative.

Grants from \$2,000 to \$5,000

Application deadline is March 30, 2007

<http://www.osophs.dhhs.gov/ophs/healthypeople/>

- **VA Grant and Per Diem Program**

VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is offered annually (as funding permits) by the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Programs to fund community agencies providing services to homeless veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination.

Awards vary by category, with a maximum grant of \$1,000,000

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3>

- **National Minority Organization Immunization Project**

The purpose of the program is to assist National Minority Organizations with the promotion and improvement of childhood, adolescent, and adult immunization coverage levels among racial and ethnic minorities.

Three awards totaling \$600,000

Application deadline is April 23, 2007

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=12712>

- **Runaway Homeless Youth: Base Center Program**

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program (BCP), which is authorized by the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003 to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. BCPs provide an alternative to involving RHY in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide a safe and appropriate shelter, and individual, family, and group counseling as appropriate

140 awards totaling \$18,300,000

Application deadline is May 16, 2007

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html=20>

- **Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Demonstration Program**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Compassion Capital Fund (CCF). Historically, the CCF program has identified the following social service priority areas: the homeless; elders in need; at-risk youth; families in transition from welfare to work; those in need of intensive rehabilitation such as addicts or prisoners; prisoners re-entering the community and children of prisoners; and organizations that provide marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages.

33 grants totaling \$16,500,000

Application deadline is May 16, 2007

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html>

- **Grants for Meeting Basic Human Needs**
The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Organizations are also supported that link their community and local work to other efforts to effect broader public policy change. The Foundation's funding priorities include community development, criminal justice, environment, health, human rights and global security, reproductive and sexual health, and youth. Strong emphasis is given to organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach. While most grants are made to organizations in the United States, the Foundation does provide limited support to organizations in other countries. Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year
<http://www.publicwelfare.org/about/history.asp>
- **Grants Provide Help for the Disadvantaged**
The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People focuses its efforts on the empowerment of oppressed and disadvantaged people in the United States who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty and injustice. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. The emphasis is on funding local projects; regional, statewide, or national projects are not supported. Applications are accepted throughout the year
<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>
- **Support for Companion Animal Programs**
The PETCO Foundation's mission is to support and promote community groups throughout the U.S. that help better the lives of our animal companions, while strengthening the relationships between people and their pets. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four Rs: Reduce, Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Rejoice. Support is provided to local organizations that address the Foundation's priorities and that are located in communities with PETCO stores. Applying organizations should be able to enlist the support of their local stores. Applications are accepted throughout the year and may be submitted directly to the Foundation or to the nearest PETCO store.
<http://www.petco.com/Content/Content.aspx?PC=welfareapplication&Nav=384>
- **U.S. Department of Justice: Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide funding to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Up to \$5,000

Open solicitation contingent upon fund availability

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Substance Abuse/Mental Health

- **Drug Free Communities Support Program**

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announce the availability of funds for new FY 2007 Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grants. DFC is a collaborative initiative sponsored by ONDCP in partnership with SAMHSA in order to achieve two major goals:

1) Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, private nonprofit agencies, and Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. 2) Reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

60 awards up to \$100,000

Application deadline is April 17, 2007

http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/sp_07_001.aspx

Youth & Eldercare

- **Special Improvement Project Grant**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), invites eligible applicants to submit competitive grant applications for special improvement projects, which further the national child support mission, vision, and goals.

Seven awards totaling \$700,000

Application deadline is May 2, 2007

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCSE-FI-0005.html>

- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball

throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

The average grant amount is \$51,000

Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year

- **Herbalife Family Foundation**

The Herbalife Family Foundation provides financial assistance to nonprofit organizations around the world that are dedicated to improving the lives of children. The foundation welcomes the opportunity to consider making contributions to organizations and programs that: improve nutrition; support children and families; provide early intervention; correct problem behavior and enhance self-esteem; prevent substance abuse; prevent physical and emotional abuse; create better home environments; and promote physical and emotional health.

Proposals are accepted at any time.

http://www.herbalifefamily.org/our_guidelines.html

- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**

The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

Foundations

- **CIGNA Foundation**

Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

http://www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant_information.html

- **Dominion Foundation**

The Dominion Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the economic, physical, and social health of the communities served by Dominion's gas companies. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in five general categories: health and human services, education, culture and the arts, neighborhood and community development, and the environment.

Grants range from \$1,000 to \$15,000

Applications are accepted throughout the year
<http://www.dom.com/about/community/foundation/index.jsp>

- **The Janus Foundation**

The Janus Foundation strives to develop partnerships with U.S. nonprofit organizations that are innovative, visionary, and forward-thinking in their approach. Nationally, the Foundation has elected to focus on the following two grant programs: At-Risk Youth through Education supports educational programs that offer a combination of academic, leadership, and life skills that provide youth with the tools necessary to become self-sustaining members of their community. Community Service and Volunteerism supports organizations that enhance the effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and work to engage more people more effectively in voluntary community service. Applications are accepted throughout the year for all grant programs
<https://ww4.janus.com/Janus/Retail/StaticPage?jsp=jsp/Janushome/JanusFoundation.jsp>

- **Public Welfare Foundation**

The program supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems.
http://www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/first_time.asp

- **The Starr Foundation**

It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and healthcare, human needs, public policy, culture and the environment.
Awards of up to \$2,000
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
<http://www.starrfoundation.org/>

Resources

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**

Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn & Serve America, and Senior Corps.
http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**

Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.

<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>

- **Grantproposal.com**

A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.

<http://grantproposal.com/>

- **Developing a Powerful Grant Proposal: A Step-by-Step Tutorial**

18-part series that covers the entire spectrum of grant proposal development. This series offers step-by-step tutorials, checklists, worksheets, and samples to help guide proposal development. The series will help novice grant writers understand each segment of the process, as well as provide more experienced grant writers with new ideas about how to approach grant writing.

http://www.grantstation.com/Public/News_Views_px/trackstosuccess.asp

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